Discrimination against tribals in schools

2302. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that tribal students are a discriminated lot in schools, which is affecting their education;

(b) whether Government is also aware that they are often used as servants;

(c) which are the schools where tribal students are discriminated against, State-wise; and

(d) whether Government is considering to take necessary steps so that tribal students can get education like other students and action is taken against the teachers who use them as servants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (DR. RAMESHWAR ORAON): (a) and (b) No such complaint has been received in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Legal and financial assistance to women

2303. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to provide legal and financial assistance to women who have been deserted by their NRI husbands in foreign countries and ensure their rehabilitation and repatriation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry had a discussion with the Ministry of Overseas Affairs on the subject; and

(d) if so, the further reaction of both the Ministries on the subject?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs had introduced a scheme to provide legal/financial assistance to Indian women deserted by their overseas Indian spouses. The assistance will be provided to Indian women who are victims of fraudulent marriages and deserted by their overseas Indian husbands or are facing divorce proceedings in a foreign country. The scheme has been launched in USA, UK, Australia, New Zealand and Gulf where several such cases are being reported.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. A Ministerial Sub-Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs and having representatives from various central Ministries including the Ministry of Women and Child Development and State Governments was constituted to study the problems faced by Indian women deserted by their overseas Indian spouses and give recommendations. The important recommendations of the sub-committee are as under:-

- All marriages solemnized in India should be compulsorily registered.

- Litigations related to NRI marriages should be taken up in fast track Courts.
- Whenever there is an ongoing litigation in a foreign court, the Indian bride's case should not go un-represented.
- A vigorous information campaign may be launched to educate prospective brides and their families to take possible precautions before entering into marriage alliance with overseas Indians.
- States/Union Territories should pass on information regarding Court Orders against NRIs to Emigration Authorities to prevent such people from leaving India against these orders.
- Bilateral agreements may be signed with foreign countries to protect the victims of NRI marriages.

Implementation of ICPS

2304. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government had sanctioned several crores for implementation of the Integrated Child Protection Scheme during the last few years;

(b) if so, the details of funds utilised and the progress of the scheme in the country;

(c) whether the Government has chalked out plans for proper implementation of the scheme in every State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) The allocation for the 'Integrated Child Protection Schemes' is Rs. 1073.00 crore for 11th Plan Period. No fund have been utilized so far as the Scheme is yet to be approved.

(c) and (d) Provisions in this regard have been envisaged under the scheme.

Child Protection Units

2305. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:
SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the broad functions of Child Protection Units being set up in all the districts;

(b) whether any monitoring organization has been set up at the Central level, which could periodically make surprise checks to find out if the Child Protection Units are fulfilling their objectives, in letter and spirit; and

(c) whether the Eleventh Five Year Plan allocates Rs. 1,263 crore on this scheme and if so, whether annual appraisal for this scheme would be introduced, instead of finding out its efficacy through mid-term appraisal?